

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of September 2002.

ASHANTI GOLDFIELDS COMPANY LIMITED

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

Gold House, Patrice Lumumba Road  
Roman Ridge, P.O. Box 2665  
Accra, Ghana

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F X Form 40-F     

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information  
contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission  
pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes      No X

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in  
connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-\_\_\_\_\_.

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**18 SEPTEMBER 2002**

## **DIRECTOR'S INTEREST**

Dr Chester Crocker, a director of Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited informed the Company on 23 August 2002 that he sold 5,000 ordinary shares in the Company at US\$4.90 on 21 August 2002, resulting in his total beneficial interest in the ordinary shares of the Company being nil.

**END**

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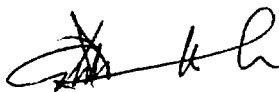
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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 18, 2002

ASHANTI GOLDFIELDS COMPANY LIMITED

By:   
Name: Ernest Abankroh  
Title: Company Secretary

Signature/ea\*